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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC RELATIONS: DRAFTING IN "THOUGHT GROUP."

1. ALTHOUGH A DATE HAS NOT BEEN FIXED YET, DRAFTING SESSIONS
OF THE "THOUGHT GROUP" ON THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION ARE SLATED
TO BEGIN THIS WEEK. WE CAN THEREFORE ANTICIPATE EARLY DISCUS-
SION OF NEW OR ALTERED LANGUAGE SUBMITTED BOTH BY PARTICIPANTS IN
THE GROUP AND BY OTHERS. INDEED THE CANADIANS HAVE TODAY
ENTERED THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED REVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 3 AND
4:

PARAGRAPH 3: AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT,
WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP
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BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR TO A POINT
OF NEAR EQUILIBRIUM, THE CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING
THEIR COMMON DEFENSE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLE MODI-
FIED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS. THE TERRITORIES AND

FORCES OF ALL THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ALLIANCE
REMAIN VULNERABLE TO ATTACK AND THE ALLIANCE'S
PROBLEMS IN THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE HAVE BECOME
MORE DISTINCT (SPECIFIC). HOWEVER, THE NORTH
AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN ALLIES, BY HAVING FREELY
CHOSEN TO ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT AN ATTACK ON
ONE OR MORE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN ATTACK
AGAINST THEM ALL, SHARE AS PARTNERS IN ALL ASPECTS
OF THE DEFENSE OF THE ENTIRE TREATY AREA AND
THEREBY DIMINISH THE DANGER TO WHICH ANY INDIVIDUAL
MEMBER COUNTRY WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXPOSED.

PARAGRAPH 4: THIS DEVELOPMENT IN NO WAY ALTERS THE ESSENTIAL
FACT - AND THIS IS SOMETHING THE MEMBERS OF THE
ALLIANCE WISH TO RE-AFFIRM - THAT THE SECURITY
PROVIDED BY THE NUCLEAR FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES BASED IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE AND
THE PRESENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE
CONTINUE TO BE NECESSARY.

2. TO PLAY THE KIND OF ROLE IN THE "THOUGHT GROUP" THAT
WE MUST PLAY AND WHICH OTHERS EXPECT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE
DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON PARAGRAPHS 3, 4 AND 5 THAT I SOUGHT IN
USNATO 6153, AND ON ANY OTHER GENERAL OR SPECIFIC ELEMENTS THAT
THE DEPARTMENT FEELS SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE DRAFTING EFFORT.
I TRUST THAT SUCH GUIDANCE, CITED AS IN PREPARATION IN STATE
3831, WILL SOON BE FORTHCOMING.

3. PENDING RECEIPT OF DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS, I PLAN TO ALLUDE
IN THE "THOUGHT GROUP" TO THE LANGUAGE IN USNATO 6153 ON PARA-
GRAPHS 3, 4 AND 5. I MAY ALSO SEEK POSSIBLE IN-
SERTION AT SOME APPROPRIATE POINT IN THE PRESENT PARAGRAPH
10 OF THE LANGUAGE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED TO WASHINGTON IN
USNATO 5676 FOR A REVISED SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 7,
I.E. "RECOGNIZING THAT THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD IS CONFRONTED
WITH NEW CHALLENGES TO THE WELL-BEING OF ALL PEOPLES, THEY
WILL SEEK TO ADD FRESH DIMENSIONS TO THEIR COOPERATION." I
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WOULD ALSO PLAN, WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN THE TEXT, TO DRAW ON
USNATO 5676, AND IN OTHER WAYS TO SUGGEST THOSE CHANGES
IN WORDS OR EMPHASIS THAT IN MY VIEW WOULD HELP TO BRING THE
CURRENT DRAFT UP TO THE STANDARDS AND HIGH PUBLIC IMPACT
THE THE SECRETARY IDENTIFIED AS RECENTLY AS HIS JANUARY 3
PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. ANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH I MAKE FOR ADDITION OR AMENDMENT
TO THE DECLARATION WILL, BE MADE ON AN AD REFERENDUM
BASIS. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY OR IN RECEIPT OF OTHER
GUIDANCE, I PLAN TO OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE
APPROACH AS THE "THOUGHT GROUP" BEGINS ITS WORK THIS WEEK.
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